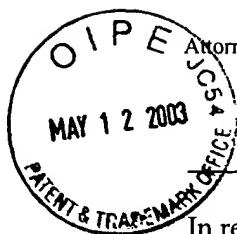


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Responsive to the office action dated February 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 4 are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A drive unit comprising
a housing of an internal combustion engine,
a drive shaft mounted for rotation in said housing, said drive shaft being a
crankshaft,